

Junghen Family News Bulletin 2009

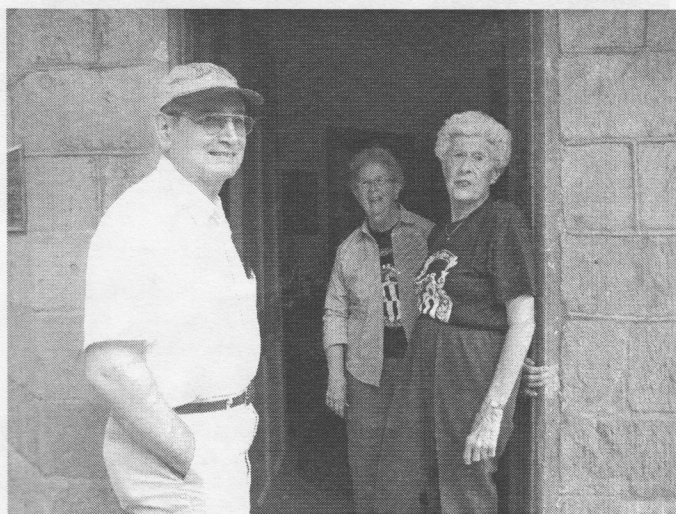


2008 Younkin Reunion, Kingwood, PA

RECAP of 2008 EVENTS

The Annual Tour

Tour leaders Everett Sechler and Mark Miner left promptly on Saturday morning, stopping first at the Old Petersburg Toll House in Addison, where Younkin cousins, Nancy and Louise Koontz, greeted us. Both are members of Great Crossings DAR, who cares for the Toll House.



About 13 folks enjoyed the tour, and the sisters gave a history of the Toll House and showed off the smartly kept rooms, as the leaders took a much-needed rest. ----->



2008 - l to r: Louise Koontz, Barbara Shroyer, Helen Berry, Nancy Koontz, Theda Williams, and Carolyn Carman



Everett Sechler and Mark Miner at the Addison Toll House

The group moved on the Historical Museum, just a few doors down the street, where they enjoyed a variety artifacts from our ancestors' way of life.



The tour finished at Crossroads Cemetery, on Old Hogback Road, where both Mark and Everett spoke about Jacob Younkin and his descendents.



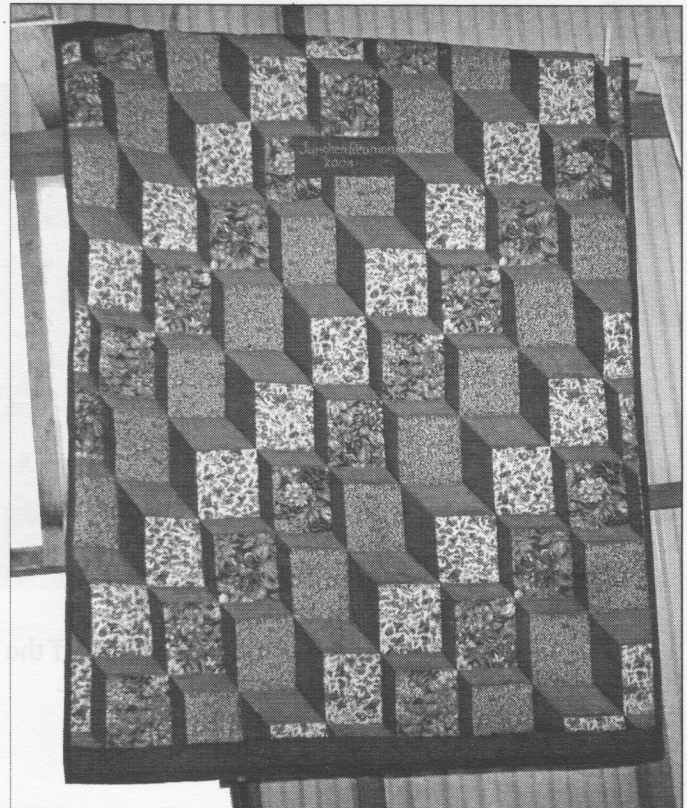
Jacob YUNGEN 3 Jul 1761 26 Jul? 1811
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Back at the Grove, the Reunion kicks into full gear, with a group photo (see top of page 1) and plenty of food.

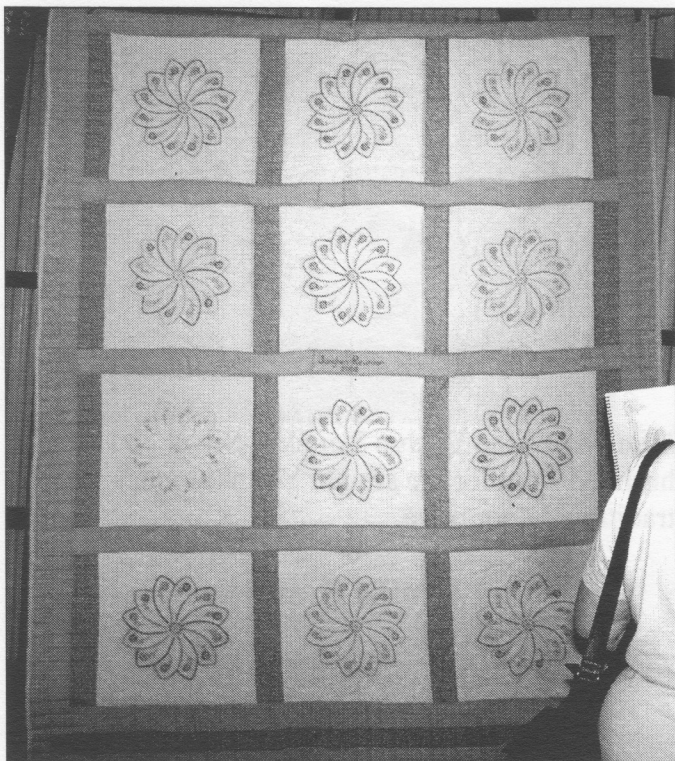


There was a brief business meeting following lunch during which the present president attempted to hoodwink a more gullible member into taking the presidency, but a motion was quickly made and seconded to retain all 2008 officers for another year. The vote was almost unanimous.

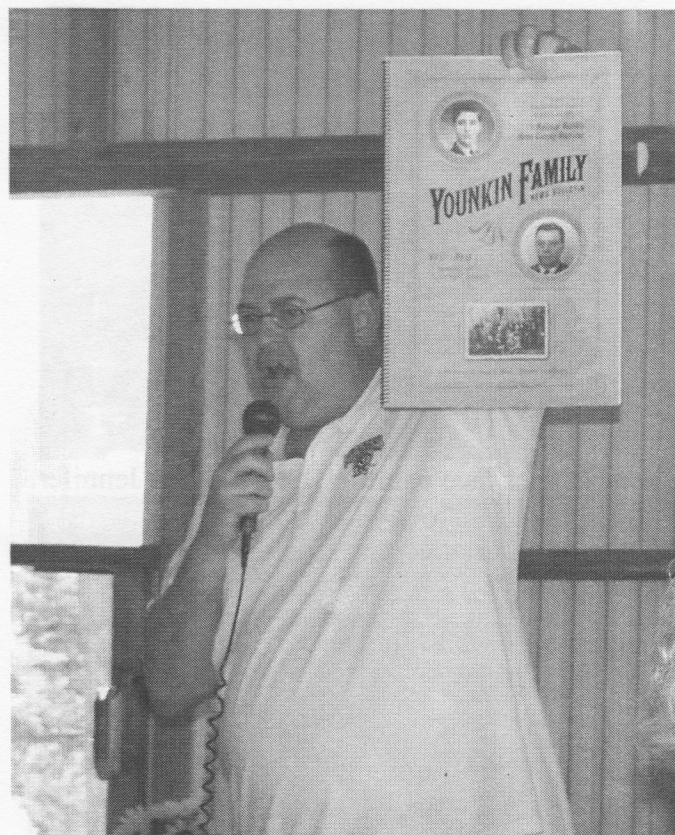
Logan Barrack drew quilt tickets and gift basket tickets.



2008 - Small quilt was won by Ann O'Donnell, or Overland Park, KS



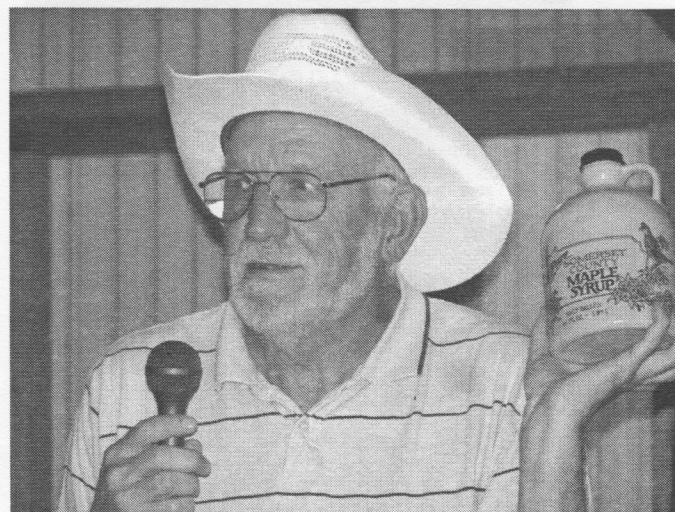
2008 - Large quilt was won by Larry Logan, of Harrisburg, PA



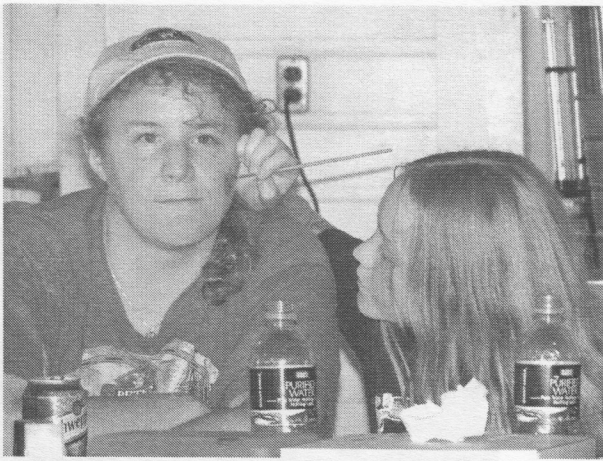
2008 - A beautiful, quality re-publication of the Younkin Family News Bulletins -- 1937-1941 was prepared by Mark Miner. Underwritten by Mark and several Younkin cousins, and available at a very resonable cost. Get yours now by sending a \$25. check to Mark Miner, 135 Ridgeview Dr. Beaver, PA



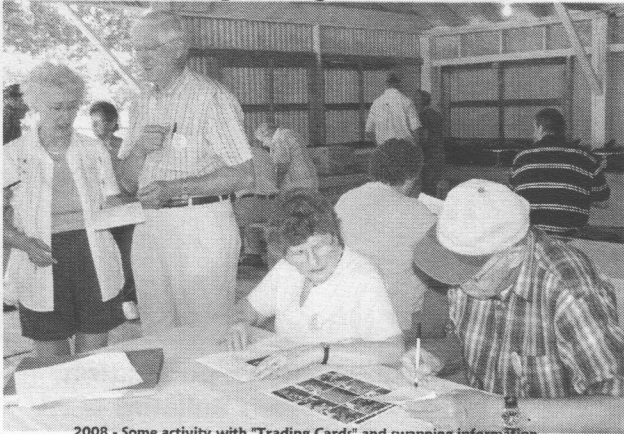
2008 - One gift basket was won by Betty Mancini, shown here; the second by Jean Younkin.



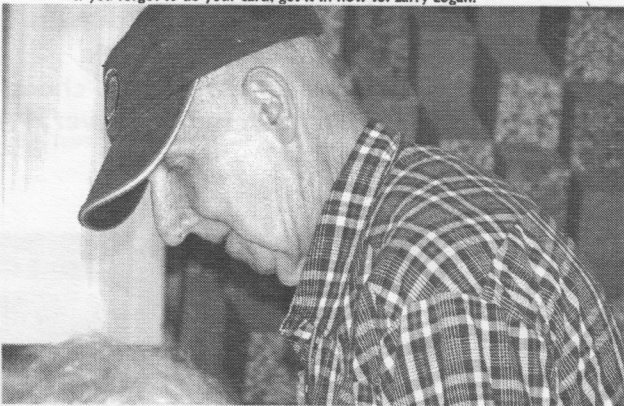
President Larry Logan did an admirable job as auctioneer – with wit and aplomb! Movement galore on the raisin filled cookies, baked goods, maple products, books, movies, oven mitts, and the \$23. Pecan pie.



Logan does face painting, on her mom, Jennifer.



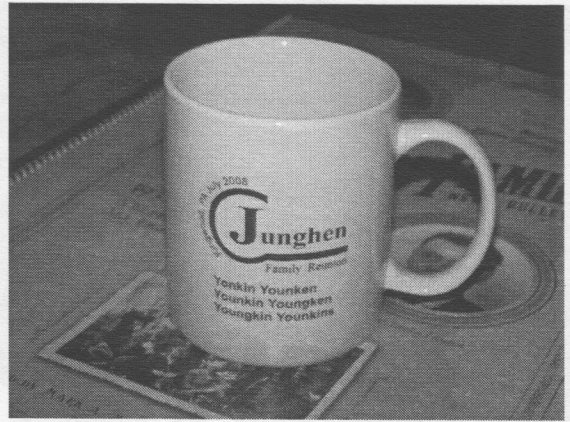
2008 - Some activity with "Trading Cards" and swapping information. If you forgot to do your card, get it in now to: Larry Logan.



2008 - It was good to see Howard Duff again!

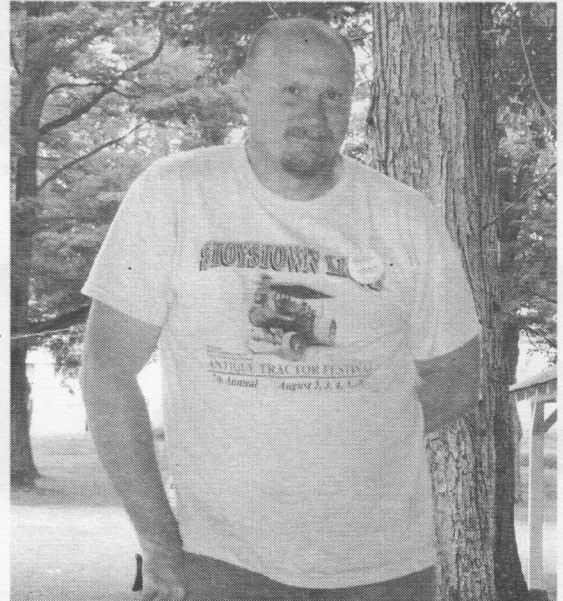


2008 - Kay Lynn Younkin, Betty Mancini, & the West Virginia fiddler, Art Poling



Many thanks to Evelyn Younkin-Silver and husband Tom for the annual Younkin mugs, the traditional door prize.

Evening Family Reunion Service

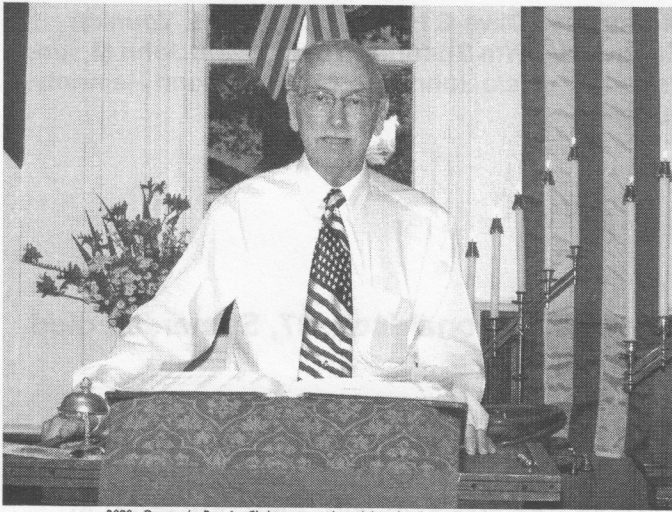


2008 - Cousin Clark Brocht was in charge of organizing the evening church service at Mt. Union Church

Thank you Clark, for a job well done!



2008 - Cookies and punch are almost ready to be served at Mt. Union



2008 - Our cousin, Rev. Jay Christner, served as minister for the family service and communion. He also led and played a beautiful rendition of God Bless America, the theme of the service being: God and Country.



2008 - Paintings by cousin Warren Sterner, left, were on display in the church for the occasion

A Letter From Barbara Park to Her Sisters!

The Younkin reunion was very nice. I think it was the smallest one yet, however. The core group was there, i.e. those who come every year, but I did meet someone new from Florida.

Larry Logan was a scream as auctioneer. The weather was perfect...80's low humidity. We had about 65 attendees. I will try to get some photos on disk and get to you.

Donna's sister Jeanne came and brought her hubby who is a nuclear power plant engineer, so we could talk shop a little. He was sooooo nice and helpful...kept loading a pc with all of our digital photos.

Kay Lynn Younkin was her usual wonderful self. She is the one who has the dairy farm down the road from the grove. She told me about milking 10 cows at once and how it is done. Her mom helps her milk.
Her dad is 76 and has had Parkinson's since he was 53. He is bedridden.

So one minute I am talking cladding failure on fuel rods in a nuclear reactor and the next minute, discussing cows!

The reunion was over about 3:30 and then there would be the church service at night. I then drove down to Ursina and went to the Jersey Church to see the old graves and especially Annie Hartzell's (our GGG grandmother.) Then drove down through both sides of Confluence and then drove back up 281 to the hotel to rest and eat before church.

The church service from 7-8:30 Sat night was nice but I was not pleased about being down some curvy windy back road in the dark. I had to drive 15 miles back down 281 and then two miles out the narrow old country road (Leaphart Road) to Turkeyfoot Trail where the church is.

Our people who live there in the area are just the best. They never cease to amaze me with their hospitality. There was a small barn shed next to the one-room church and after the service, voila..the shed door was opened and there was punch and cookies. The interior of the shed was furnished with antiques and looked almost like a parlor.

A bunch of us ate breakfast together (20 or so) Sunday morning and said our goodbyes.

OH I almost forgot the NEATEST thing! Mark Miner (Pittsburgh) had all 7 of the OLD Younkin Family News Bulletins of 1937-41. In there were two references to daddy and one to Uncle Bob. Evidently MOTHER had DADDY down to DAWSON for the fire co BINGO in 1940! How risque is THAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PASSINGS

Ellouise T. Kreger

Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:28 PM EDT

Ellouise T. Kreger, 87, Rockwood, died March 15, 2009, at Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown. Born Nov. 14, 1921, in Black Township, Somerset County, daughter of Clark Melvin and Olive Caroline (Hauger) Younkin.

Preceded in death by parents. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Craig R. (Nancy Jo) Brown, Charleston, S.C.; and son, Thomas C. Kreger, Somerset; granddaughters, Amber Ellen Register and Amy Lee Edwards; and great-grandson, Dylan Register. Graduate of Rockwood High School. She worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for Rockwood Insurance for 10 years and later for the Somerset County Recorder of Deeds where she retired in 1980.

No viewing or visitation. A private service will be held at a later date. Interment, Rockwood IOOF Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Church of the Brethren Home, 277 Hoffman Ave., Windber, PA 15963. Arrangements by Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home, Somerset.

www.haugerzeigler.com



Ellouise was twice a Younkin! Father, Clark Melvin Younkin, s/o Wm Henry, w/o Frederick F, s/o Frederick G. Younkin, s/o Johann Heinrich Junghen.

Mother was Olive C Hauger, d/o Ellen E Younkin Hauger, d/o Wm Shedrick Younkin, s/o John M, s/o Jacob John, s/o John b. 1787, s/o Johann Heinrich Junghen.

Gertrude E. Donaldson, 97, Somerset, died April 20, 2008

Born Dec. 9, 1910, in Sandpatch, the daughter of the late John William Emery and Mary Virginia (Garlitz) Younkin. Also preceded in death by husbands, Paul Christner, John Eckert and William Donaldson; sisters, Geraldine Martin and Georgia Younkin, and a great-grandchild. Survived by sons, Gerald Christner, Palm Harbor, Fla., and George Christner, Canton, Ohio; grandchildren, Lisa Ann Mitchell, Janice Bayne and Amy Sanders; and 10 great-grandchildren; also nieces and nephews, Mrs. Douglas (Debbie) Miller and Donald Newcomer, both of Somerset, and Gwen Ankney, South Carolina. Member of First United Methodist Church and the FOE Ladies Auxiliary. Gertrude was one of the first residents of the Somerset Towers. A memorial service will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 168 W. Union St., Somerset, PA 15501. Arrangements under the direction of the Robert H. Halverson Funeral Home, Somerset.

She and her sister Mickey attended Donna's first reunion in 1991. Amazingly, at the age of 3 in 1913, she attended the first reunion of Miner-Youngkin descendants, at Ohiopyle's Ferncliff Park in nearby Fayette County, and thus was the last surviving attendee. Mary and the girls are **seen here** in a group photograph taken that day.

Courtesy of Mark Miner, www.minerd.com



The Valley Independent newspaper in the Monongahela Valley of Pittsburgh carried the sad news of the death of one of the grandsons of "Charleroi Charley" Younkin.

He would be a first cousin of Chuck Younkin who attends our reunion with his wife Toni. By Mark Miner

**Clarence W. Younkin Jr.
Charleroi**

Clarence William Younkin Jr., 63, of Charleroi, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at his home. Clarence was born May 1, 1944, in Charleroi, the son of Mildred Robinson Younkin, of Charleroi, and the late Clarence William Younkin Sr. Clarence was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his daughter, Carla and James Stefan, of Charleroi; his son, Terry and Erin Younkin, of Speers; three sisters, Irene Cooper, Dorothy Gallagher and Doris Kusaj; two grandchildren, Sara and Stoane; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Interment will be held Friday, April 25, in the National Cemetery of Alleghenies in Bridgeville, Pa.

Rex A. Younkin, 45, Rockwood, passed on July 14, 2008. Born Oct. 25, 1962, in Meyersdale, he is the son of the late Lester and Iretha (Cameron) Younkin. He is also preceded in death by his brother, James Younkin. He is survived by his wife, Dawn (Allison) Younkin, Oklahoma; daughters, Tashia, Germantown, Md.; Amber, Greely, Colo.; and Paige, Rockwood; grandson, Landon Jon Karnick; sisters, Betty McClintock and husband, Sidney, Confluence; and Frances Diane Kuna and husband, John, Somerset; brother, Charles Younkin and wife, Doris, Confluence; special friend of many years Roxann Garrety, Rockwood; and several nieces and nephews. He was a 1981 graduate of Turkeyfoot High School where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was fond of stock car racing. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the United Community Church of Confluence in Ursina, the Rev. Dean Hay Jr. officiating. Interment at Jersey Hollow Cemetery. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home, Rockwood.

Avalon M. Keefer, 76, Somerset, passed on July 30, 2008, at Select Specialty Hospital in Johnstown. Born Feb. 25, 1932, in Garrett, she is the daughter of the late Albert Christner and Viola (Smith) Krug, Somerset. She is preceded in death by her father; and grandson, Timothy Allen Keefer. She is survived by her mother; children, Bonnie Lehman and Virginia Keefer, both of Somerset; and Sara Most and husband, Harold, Meyersdale; ex-husband, Carl Keefer, New Centerville; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; brother the Rev. Jay Christner and wife, Eleanor, Somerset; and sister, Kay McLaughlin and husband, Charles, Corpus Christie, Texas. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Miller Funeral Home, Somerset, where a service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Rev. Jay Christner officiating. Interment at Garrett Cemetery.

Viola Mae Krug, 95

Viola Mae Krug, 95, passed away Oct. 7, 2008, at Somerset Hospital. Born Dec. 1, 1912, the daughter of the late Oscar and Ruth (Baer) Smith. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Smith; sisters, Helen Hogan and Velma Lehman; ex-husband, Albert R. Christner; husband, John Krug; and daughter, Avalon Keefer. She is survived by her brother, Charles O. Kinnan; sister, Edna Eutsey; son, the Rev. Jay Christner and wife, Eleanor; daughter, Kay Carol McLaughlin and husband, Charles; grandchildren, Jay L. Christner Jr. and wife, Patti; Debra DiLoreto and husband, Art; Eileen Blair and husband, the Rev. Mark Blair; Bonnie Lehman, Sarah Most, Virginia Keefer, Charles McLaughlin and wife, Jennifer, and Lisa McLaughlin; many great and great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Rockwood Church of the Brethren, 600 W. Main St., Rockwood, PA 15557, where memorials may be sent. There will be no viewing or funeral service. Private interment will be in Garrett Highland Cemetery. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home, Somerset.

Brian K. Younkin, 45, New Philadelphia, Ohio, formerly of Rockwood, died Oct. 19, 2008, in Union Hospital, Dover, Ohio. He was born July 21, 1963, in Somerset, a son of Randall G. and Theodosia "Sis" (Fisch) Younkin, Somerset. In addition to his parents he is survived by a daughter, Briana Younkin, Reno, Nev. and her mother Kelly Mills, Winnemucca, Nev., close friend Sandy Booth, New Philadelphia, brothers, Randall

D. Younkin and wife Linda, Rockwood, Lanny Younkin and wife Marjorie, Frederick, Md., sisters, Christine Miller and husband Jim and Melissa Hemminger and husband Larry all of Somerset. He was a 1981 graduate of Rockwood Area High School and was employed as a Resort and Conference Center Set Up Manager at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center in Delroy, Ohio, for 16 years. Friends will be received at the Humbert Funeral Home, Confluence, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the hour of service Friday with the Rev. James Monticue and the Rev. Paul Tobias officiating. Interment in Kingwood IOOF Cemetery. Family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 602, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

Brian s/o Randall G., s/o Frank G. s/o William Lincoln, s/o Frederick J., s/o Jacob Jr., s/o Jacob Sr., s/o Johann Heinrick Junghen

Capt. Erick M. Foster, Wexford, Pa
82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper dies in Iraq
 FORT BRAGG, N.C. — An 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper died from injuries sustained when the enemy attacked his unit using small arms fire in Muqdadiah, Iraq, Tuesday.

Capt. Erick M. Foster, 29, of Wexford, Pa., was the Troop Commander of A. Troop, 1st Sqd., 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82nd Abn. Div.

“Captian Erick Foster joined the Army immediately following his graduation from college,” said Capt. John Hartsock, a close friend of Foster. “His eagerness to serve his country and make a difference in the world made the Army an easy choice for him. He was one of the finest Armor officers the U.S. Army has produced as evident by his being one of the first Armor officers to be stationed at Fort Bragg.”



Foster Graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., with a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems Management, in 2000.

He received his commission in Armor in May 2000 and was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas, as the Brigade's Plans and Operations Officer's assistant.

Foster Arrived to the 82nd Abn. Div. in April 2004 and was assigned to the Division Headquarters as the Deputy Plans Officer.

He took command of A. Troop, 1st Sqd. 73rd CAV in October 2006.

“Foster was a respected and proven combat leader whose love for his men supplied him daily with motivation,” added Hartsock. “Captain Foster was respected by all who knew him, a proven combat leader, a loving son, and a good man.

He had one previous combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004 to 2005, with the 3rd Bn., 67th Armor Reg.

Foster's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist's Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Foster is survived by his parents Robert and Barbara Foster, and his sister Abby Foster, all of Wexfor, Pa.; and his sister, Elizabeth Werkheiser, of South Kirkwood Mo.

The unit will hold a memorial service in Iraq.

Erick is the great grandson of of Jacob A. and Laura Belle (Younkin) Shroyer. Laura Belle was d/o William 'Dayton' and Lucinda (Harbaugh) Younkin, s/o George and Charlotta (Younkin) Younkin,

Harry M "Jake" Wiltrout

Harry M. "Jake" Wiltrout, 93, Markleton, passed on Dec. 1, 2008, at Somerset Hospital. Born July 4, 1915, in Upper Turkeyfoot Township, he is the son of the late Charles and Irene (Younkin) Wiltrout. He is also preceded in death by his wife Lydia (Gary); son Jay; brothers Eugene and Cecil; and sister Doris Gross. He is survived by his sons, James, Markleton, and Paul, Listonburg; grandchildren David, Kenneth, Jay, Steve and Gary Wiltrout and Teresa Johnson; great grandchildren Jonathon "Chuck" Wiltrout and Keri, Kevin, and Mellissa Wiltrout; great great grandson Joshua Wiltrout; and brother Lex Wiltrout, Brooklyn, Conn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, participating in the Battle of the Bulge. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a member of the VFW Post 7250 in Confluence. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Miller Funeral Home, Rockwood, where a service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. The Rev. Roy Worsham officiating. Interment at Rockwood IOOF Cemetery with full military rites accorded by the Somerset County Honor Guard.

Harry is the s/o Stella Irene Younkin, d/o Albert A, s/o John F, s/o Rev. Harmon, s/o Yankee John J., s/o Jacob, s/o Johann Henrich Junghen.

And now available....

Have you misplaced some of Donna's newsletters? Did you join the fun late, and perhaps not receive them all? Are you aware that she published the Younkin Family News Bulletin from 1990 to 1996 – four issues a year? Then she published as new and exciting information in 2004-2005. These last two issues contain photos from her trip to Hauptstrasse 18 in Niederasphe, Germany, where our common ancestor was born, and photos of the Evangelical Lutheran Church where he was baptised, as well as copies of his baptism and confirmation record!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MISS OUT!

Ross Younkin lovingly scanned each Younkin Family News Bulletin, and placed them into PDF format and created a complete CD. This may have been his major effort in family preservation before he died just last year!



A limited number of these CDs are available from Blair Younkin for \$25. which is a donation to the Younkin Family reunion fund. You can purchase or reserve your copy by contacting Blair at:

Blair Younkin
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Markleton, PA 15551-8731
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Donna also referenced many of the old Younkin Family News Bullitens, published between 1937-1941. Well..... these are also available, now in a complete collection. Republished by Mark Miner (see photo p. 3) They are available from Mark at a cost of \$25. Mail a check to :

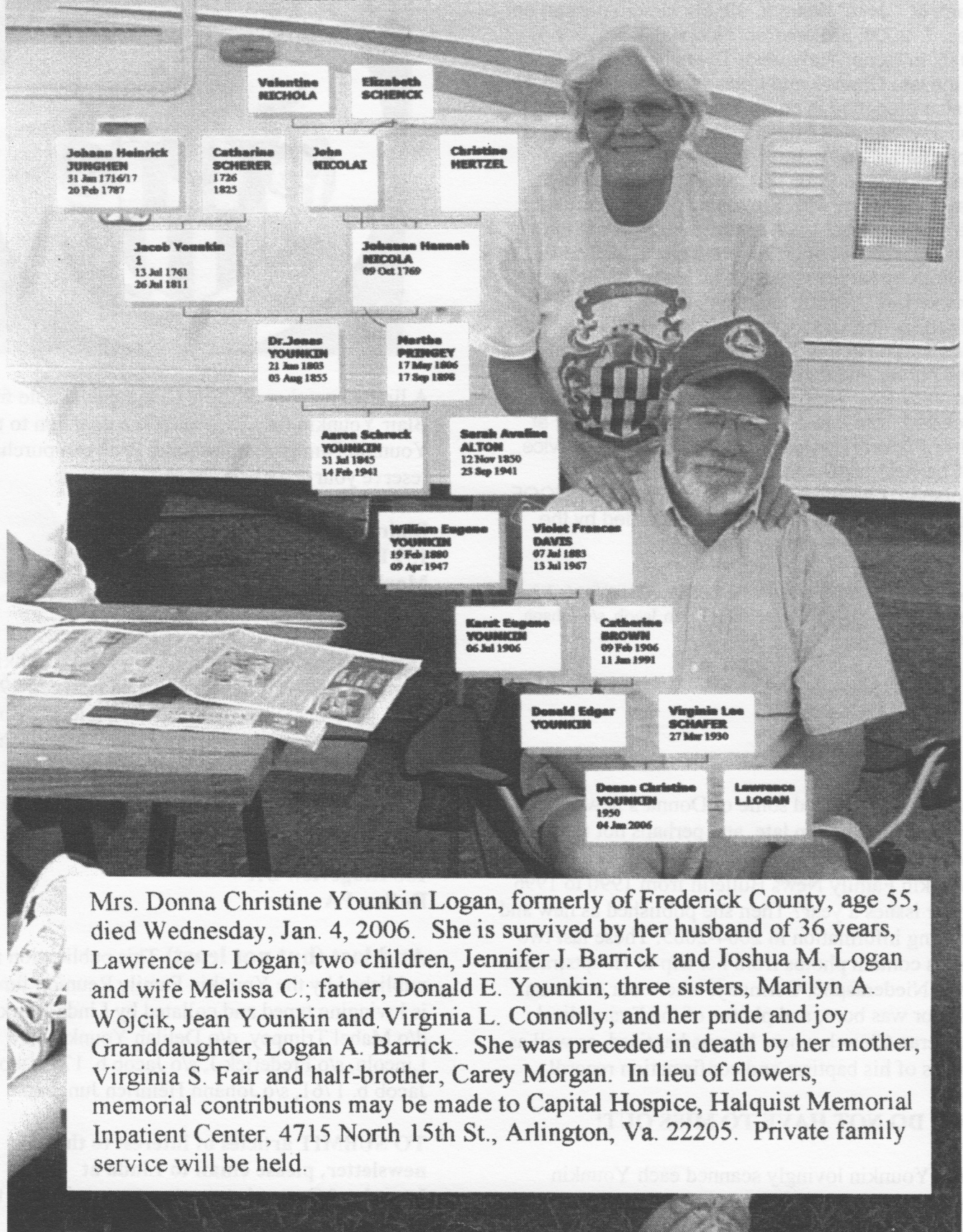
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Butler, PA

And last (but not least) This publication is published by the Younkin Family Reunion fund. It is lovingly typed and collated by Linda Marker – d/o Mabel Trimpey, d/o Delilah Younkin, d/o Wm Lincoln, s/o Frederick J, s/o Jacob b. 1793, s/o Jacob b. 1761, s/o Johann Heinrich Junghen.

TO SUBMIT articles of interest to this newsletter, please email to Linda at Lmarker1@zoominternet.net or snail mail to

1489 Trent Rd. Rockwood, PA 15557

Ancestors of Donna Christine Younkin



Mrs. Donna Christine Younkin Logan, formerly of Frederick County, age 55, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Lawrence L. Logan; two children, Jennifer J. Barrick and Joshua M. Logan and wife Melissa C.; father, Donald E. Younkin; three sisters, Marilyn A. Wojcik, Jean Younkin and Virginia L. Connolly; and her pride and joy Granddaughter, Logan A. Barrick. She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia S. Fair and half-brother, Carey Morgan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, Halquist Memorial Inpatient Center, 4715 North 15th St., Arlington, Va. 22205. Private family service will be held.

Photo and genealogy provided by Blair Younkin, Jr. Obit was provided by husband, Larry Logan.